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SUBJ: NUCLEAR POWER FACILITY IN FREEPORT?

- 1. DURING MY COURTESY CALL AT INTERCONTINENTAL DIVERSIFIED CORPORATION (ICD) JANUARY 7 PRIOR TO MY PARTICIPATION AT THE DEDICATION OF THE U.S. PRECLEARANCE FACILITY IN FREEPORT, MR. EDWARD ST. GEORGE, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, ICD, INFORMED ME THAT ONE OF THE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION BY THE PORT AUTHORITY GROUP OF COMPANIES WAS A PROPOSAL BY FLORIDA POWER AND LIGHT CO. (FP AND L) TO CONSTRUCT A NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT IN FREEPORT AND UNDERWATER ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION CABLE FROM FREEPORT TO FLORIDA (ABOUT 60 MILES). FP AND L REPORTEDLY CLAIM THE PROJECT IS ECONOMICALLY FEASIBLE. BESIDES SUPPLYING SOUTH FLORIDA WITH ADDITIONAL ELECTRICITY CAPACITY, OBJECTIVE IN LOCATING IN FREEPORT WOULD BE AVOIDANCE OF COURT SUITS BY ENVIRONMENTALS IN FLORIDA AND PROBABLE DELAYS IN U.S. GOVERNMENT (NRC) AUTHORIZATION IN CONSTRUCTION OF SUCH FACILITY.
- 2. COMMENT: WHILE IT MAY BE PREMATURE TO ASSUME THIS PROPOSAL MAY BECOME A REALITY, I CONSIDER THIS PROJECT WORTH REPORTING ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT OF CONTINUING HIGH-LEVEL ADMINISTRATION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE.

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